

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Christophe Pierrat and Youping Zhang
Assignee: Synopsys, Inc.
Title: STRUCTURE AND METHOD OF CORRECTING PROXIMITY
EFFECTS IN A TRI-TONE ATTENUATED PHASE-SHIFTING
MASK
Serial No.: 10/658,933 File Date: September 9, 2003
Examiner: Cuong V. Luu Art Unit: 2128
Docket No.: NTI-007-1D

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AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO THE FINAL OFFICE ACTION

Initial Comments:

This response addresses the status of Claims 1-8. Claims 1-8 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 101 as being directed to non-statutory subject matter. Claims 1, 4, 5, and 8 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(a) as being anticipated by "High Transmission Attenuated PSM" (Kachwala). Claims 2, 3, 6, and 7 are objected to, but would be allowable if rewritten to overcome the 101 rejection.

Claims 2, 3, 6, and 7 are amended herein. Claims 1, 4, 5, and 8 are cancelled, thereby rendering the rejection of those claims moot.

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 For: "Structure And Method Of Correcting Proximity Effects In A Tri-Tone Attenuated Phase-Shifting Mask"

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AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL

1. Transmitted herewith is an amendment for this application.
2. **STATUS:** Applicant is other than a small entity.
3. **EXTENSION OF TERM:** The proceedings herein are for a patent application and the provisions of 37 C.F.R. 1.136 apply. Applicant believes that no extension of term is required. However, this conditional petition is being made to provide for the possibility that applicant has inadvertently overlooked the need for a petition for extension of time.
4. **FEES FOR CLAIMS:** The fee for claims (37 C.F.R. 1.16(b)-(d)) has been calculated as shown below:

(Col. 1)	(Col. 2)	(Col. 3)	LARGE ENTITY		
Claims Remaining After Amendment	Highest No. Previously Paid For	Present Extra	Rate	Addit. Fee	
Total 4	Minus 20	= 0	x \$50 =	\$0	
Indep. 4	Minus 8	= 0	x \$200 =	\$0	
First Presentation of Multiple Dependent Claim			+ \$360 =	\$0	
			Total		
			Addit. Fee	\$0	

No additional fee for claims is required.

5. **FEES DEFICIENCY:** If any additional extension and/or fee is required, please charge Deposit Account No. 50-0574.

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